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*Argentina: The renewal of open feuding by rival factions of the Argentine military again jeopardizes President Guido's tenure of office. Apparently acting under pressure of the "hard-line" faction that favors a military take-over, War Minister Cornejo Saravia on 18 September ordered the removal of three leaders of the army's "legalist" group, including the commander of the strategic Campo de Mayo garrison in Buenos Aires. The War Minister encountered immediate resistance on the part of the Campo de Mayo officers who are refusing to accept the removal order. Troop units reportedly have been placed on alert throughout Argentina although apparently no actual fighting has occurred. (Information as of 0400 EDT)

President Guido has sought to placate both major military factions but recent decrees appeared to have strengthened the position of the "hard-line" group. The dissolution of Congress on 7 September and delaying the elections for the new Congress and President until 27 October 1963 were measures that President Guido adopted as a concession to pressures from the more authoritarian military elements. On 12 September a Supreme Court Justice resigned in protest against delaying the elections stating that the government was dominated by "the possessors of power."

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USSR-Syria: [Implementation of the Soviet-Syrian military assistance agreement of February 1962 is getting into higher gear.]

[Syria recently sent 18 pilots and 36 technicians to the USSR for training on MIG-21 (Fishbed) jet fighters. A second group is to be sent this month.]

[A smaller number of Syrian pilots and technicians received MIG-21 training before the UAR split in 1961.]

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